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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed on 03/15/2006.

Claims 1-33 remain in this application.

Restriction was required to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-26, drawn to a hydrogel, classified in class 524, subclass 916.
- II. Claims 27-33, drawn to a method for assaying biomolecules by linking the biomolecule to the support with a hydrogel, classified in class 435, subclass 40.5, for example.

Applicants provisionally elect Group II, which includes claims 27-33.

Furthermore, Applicants provisionally elect the species of claim 18 and a protein (as in claims 30 and 32), with traverse. The provisional election concerns at least claims 1, 18, 27, 30, 31, 32 and 33.